

# EVERGLADE KITE

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## HELP SAVE OUR BARRIER ISLANDS

Dinesh Sharma, a free-lance consultant on environmental resources, will speak about his favorite subject, Barrier Islands, at the November 3rd monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the West Palm Beach Garden Club Center.

Al Burt, in a recent TROPIC MAGAZINE article, says "Sharma's law states that the greater the danger of living on the waterfront, the closer people move toward it." Sharma considers this sheer ignorance and stupidity and will tell us why in words and pictures.

Sharma was born in Kampur, India, and graduated from the University of Roorkee with a master's degree in Applied Geology. He came to the states in 1967 to attend the University of Nevada's desert Research Institute and study hydrology. He furthered his education in water resources management at the University of Wisconsin before taking a job as Senior Planner in New Jersey. Prior to his independent work, he was a Senior Planner in Lee County, Fla.

Sharma's particular interest in barrier islands began with a grant from the National Science Foundation, support from the Barrier Islands Coalition and the U.S. Dept. of the Interior. He helped formulate the original bill, as well as the current

documents, H.R. 3252 and S. 1018. Your support for passage of this legislation can be expressed by writing Congressman Dan Mica and Senators Paula Hawkins and Lawton Chiles. They should be urged to become co-sponsors as well. Of Florida's 80 barrier islands, 22 are neither developed nor protected.

Because beach restoration is part of the barrier islands "game," Sharma's talk should stir more than a casual interest among ASE members since the Palm Beach County Engineering Office has applied for a permit to restore a portion of beach south of the Boynton Inlet. This will cost taxpayers millions of dollars and, to date, the commission has spent \$750,000 in consultant fees alone on this project.

If there is any doubt in your mind about the necessity of protecting barrier islands, Dinesh Sharma's quiet, mild manner will persuade you to positive convictions. (Leah Schad)

## AUDUBON FIELD TRIPS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 8:00 A.M. - Northern Palm Beach County parks - meet at Dubois Park off Ala at Jupiter Inlet. John Street and Steve Bass, leaders. Come and bring lunch. We will visit three of our north county parks and have lunch at the undeveloped Loxahatchee River Bend Pk.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 8:00 A.M. - Jonathan Dickinson State Park, meet at the entrance parking lot, Marge Eaton, leader. There is a concession stand or bring your lunch if you wish to explore other trails on your own.

#### OCTOBER BIRDING

Observers locally turned up some good birds during fall migration.

Ann Ayers, Gloria Hunter, hpl, Paul Sykes and Philip Weinrich found on 10 October 1981 on Hypoluxo Island a Zenaida Dove, our first county record. The observation of this Caribbean dove is only the tenth sighting for the U.S. since 1900. It normally breeds throughout the Bahama Islands, the Greater Antilles and the Virgin Islands. Perched, this dove had the color, size, and shape of a Mourning Dove except for the short square tail and the small white rectangular patch on the lower part of the secondaries of the folded wing. In flight, a white line showed on the trailing edge of the secondaries. Be a hero. Find another one. We can't relocate this one.

On 12 October on Hypoluxo, Cecil Kilmer and hpl found a Warbling Vireo, only our second sighting for the county. Cecil patiently stayed with the bird to study it at leisure.

Hypoluxo Island, better known as Kingbird City this fall, was host for weeks to numbers of Gray, Eastern, and Western Kingbirds and one Sissor-tailed Flycatcher, but the pearl of the group was a Tropical Kingbird, our third sighting for the county. Rushing here to see this bird, several local and out-of-county observers thanked Ann Ayers profusely for first finding and identifying it. The Tropical Kingbird looks superficially like a Western Kingbird, but one of the features to look for is the brown forked tail without the white on the outer feathers of the tail. (H.P. Langridge)

#### A N N O U N C I N G

The 1982 Audubon Wildlife Film Series: all on Thursdays, all at 7:30 p.m.

January 14, "Footloose in Newfoundland," narrated by Tom Sterling.

February 11, "Southern Sea Otter Country," narrated by Burdette White.

February 25, "Bird Islands of the North Atlantic," narrated by Stephen Kress.

March 11, "American Heartland - The Great River Story," narrated by Walter Berlet.

Call Larry Horning at 582-8275 for more information. Season tickets - \$10.00.

#### NATURE TRAIL WORKSHOP

On Saturday morning, November 7th, we invite you to our special workshop planned for those who cannot come and help on the trail during the week. Let's fight the exotic plants and the weeds.

Plan to come around 9 a.m. and bring gloves, also saws and lopping shears if you have them. The trail is in the south end of John Prince park. Turn off Congress Avenue,

follow park road to canal bridge on right, cross the bridge, turn left, and meet us at entrance C of the nature trail. Call me at 832-1809 if you have questions. (Hella Wayman)

#### LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT

It has been nearly five years since ASE received a grant of \$10,000 from the Charles E. Merrill Trust. After many ideas and much deliberation, it was decided the community could be best served through the establishment of an ornithological collection in cooperation with the county library system.

The collection at the County Library on Summit Blvd. now includes between 300 and 400 of fine ornithological books. Additional titles are being added as new books come off the presses and as the rarer classics can be located. In addition we are now seeking information regarding the acquisition of the best tapes and/or records of bird songs and calls of North American species. Our uncommitted balance of approximately \$3,000 will diminish rapidly within the next few months.

Your Library Committee feels that this fund should not be completely diminished. A certain balance should be maintained for the continuous purchase of books as they are published. Also, this fine Audubon collection should be looked upon as the mere basis upon which we can build one of the finest ornithological libraries in the country. Looking into the future, opportunities are seemingly endless. Currently, we have the space for the addition of hundreds of volumes. When a new and greatly expended library is built (ideas are being considered) the addition of an Audubon room - a room dedicated to some generous donor - is a possibility within our reach. Beyond this we can go as far as imagination, determination, and money will take us.

As with all endeavors of universal values, this community project can continue only with the acquisition of additional funds. Won't you, as a member or friend of the soundest conservation organization on earth, consider a donation to the Library Fund of the Audubon Society of the Everglades? The consideration of this fund in your will would memorialize your name through the education of future generations for all time to come.

(Tom McElroy, Chmn., Library Committee)

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

This month marks the beginning of National Audubon's Citizen Mobilization Campaign - an effort by Audubon chapters across the country to engage the support and help of every possible individual to defend the nation's environment by keeping our environmental laws strong and intact. There is little doubt that the Reagan Administration is out to dismantle 20 years of environmental progress.

Even though public opinion polls continually show that Americans are concerned and willing to pay for environmental protection, the team of Reagan/Watt seem determined to disregard the voice of the people. The Citizen Mobilization Campaign - "Audubon Campaign" -

and the subsequent response will demonstrate to the administration that we aren't going to stand by and see our water polluted, land stripped, and air fouled.

The success of the Audubon Campaign is dependent upon YOUR participation.

We will devote a portion of our November meeting to the Campaign. At the meeting we will have sign-up sheets so that people can receive special reports on environmental developments which require immediate attention.

I urge each of you to take an active part in this effort and to try and enlist the support of others who share your concerns for the environment and the quality of life. If you are unable to attend the meeting (we see less than 10% of the membership at the monthly meetings), but would like copies of the sign-up sheets and other information about the Audubon Campaign, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to AUDUBON CAMPAIGN, P. O. Box 6762, West Palm Beach, FL. 33405.

Remember - we are having a wild bird food sale which will be going on until the middle of November. Please see back of KITE for prices and ordering information. (Walt Gworek)

#### CALAMITY CALENDAR

Florida's first CALAMITY CALENDAR, published by the Florida Conservation Foundation, will be available at the November meeting for \$5.00 each. Proceeds will help further some of the Foundation's educational work which includes the ENFO NEWSLETTER, the Native Plant Society, the Solar Energy Coalition, and Doris Mager's Birds of Prey Program.

Illustrated by leading cartoonists, the calendar is a compendium of historic events whose impacts might have brought the Sunshine State to the brink of extinction. Bill Partington, director of the Foundation, says "We hope you will have some fun with the calendar. After all, how many of your friends will remember that March 28 is the 469th anniversary of the arrival of Florida's first tourist."

#### CONSERVATION NEWS

Probably the No. 1 priority in the Audubon Action Alert bulletin is the defeat of the Traxler-Hillis Bill, HR 4400. It attempts to accomplish the final coup to the Clean Air Act by allowing emissions to be basically uncontrolled and untested in cars and diesel vehicles. It is unlikely the industry would return any of the costs and the losses to us as earth inhabitants would be immeasurable in the coming years. Do write your thoughts, however brief, to Mica, Chiles, Hawkins, and President Reagan.

A South Florida conservation crisis of No. 1 priority exists for our unique Keys. For those of you who have fond memories of holidays there, get busy and write Governor Graham and compliment him on the much-publicized "Save Our Coast" stand. In the light of that stand, ask him to take a closer look at what a publicly-bonded water pipeline, coupled with the current attitude of the Monroe Planning and

Zoning Commission, will do to the Keys. Not only is the water it will bring oversubscribed to; the rest of the necessary urban services have not even been addressed. Ask for a Monroe County building moratorium for this "Area of Critical State Concern." Prompt action on this is most important, as work on the pipeline has started and the Cabinet will discuss the broad topic on its next agenda. Cabinet members have committed themselves technically not to subsidize growth.

Possibly falling under this umbrella also is the East Everglades situation. You are all probably aware of the wet condition of the families that elected to live there in the flood plain area. Possibly you are not aware that our own SFWMD is to be commended. (This is as important as the protesting letters you all write.) Do address a letter to Bob Clark, Chairman of the Governing Board, SFWMD Office, 3301 Gun Club Rd., W.P.B. 33406. Compliment him on the stand WMD has taken on this situation, especially on declining to take responsibility for rebuilding roads in the flood plain.

A few issues in our own county cry for attention. Once again eyes are being cast on the south part of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. There will be another request to the Governor and Cabinet to make a public road of some of the state park land the Girl Scouts use. It would accommodate condominium residents' access to U.S. 1. Terrible precedent if granted.

There will be another public meeting on November 10th (check me on this date a little later) on our own wild and scenic Loxahatchee River. Its future will be at stake as the Commission considers rezoning requests. In this instance, a protesting body would be even better than a letter.

The next conservation meeting will be at the Parks & Recreation Building opposite PBJC on 6th Avenue South, L.W., at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11th. (Cissy Durando)

#### KITE STRINGS

We are exceedingly pleased to extend our love and best wishes to ASE's dear friend and charter member Alice Stearns on the occasion of her 90th birthday on November 9th.

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BUS TRIPS TO THE EVERGLADES: call Pine Jog, 686-6600, for information and reservations. Plants of the Everglades - Dec. 6, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., \$22, limit 23. Birder's Trip - Dec. 10, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., \$20. Everglades Overview - Jan. 14, 7 a.m.-6 p.m., \$20. (Better call soon)

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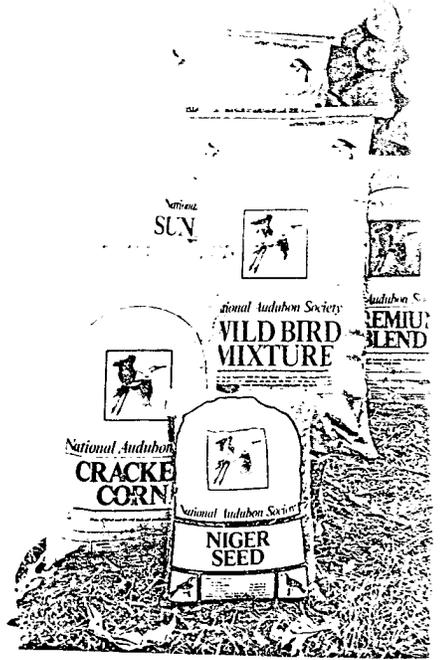
The annual Solar Energy Conference sponsored by the Florida Solar Energy Coalition is scheduled for November 20 & 21 at Rollins College, Winter Park. Workshops on choosing a solar water system, designing an energy-conserving landscape, utilities conservation, plus many others. Brochures will be available at the November meeting.

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FLORIDA AUDUBON SOCIETY -  
ANNUAL WILD BIRD FOOD SALE  
PRICING INFORMATION

	<u>PRICE</u>
<u>PREMIUM BLEND</u>	
20 kg. (44.4 lbs.)	\$25.48
10 kg. (22.2 lbs.)	13.00
<u>WILD BIRD MIXTURE</u>	
20 kg. (44.4 lbs.)	20.07
10 kg. (22.2 lbs.)	10.40
<u>SUNFLOWER FOOD</u>	
10 kg. (22.2 lbs.)	16.53
<u>CRACKED CORN</u>	
20 kg. (44.4 lbs.)	12.06
10 kg. (22.2 lbs.)	6.19

	<u>PRICE</u>
<u>SUNFLOWER CHIPS</u>	
4 kg. (8 lbs. 14 oz.)	\$9.36
<u>PEANUT PIECES</u>	
4 kg. (8 lbs. 14 oz.)	10.71
<u>NIGER SEED</u>	
4 kg. (8 lbs. 14 oz.)	18.82
<u>SUET CAKES</u>	
6 one-quart cakes	24.96
<u>WHITE MILLET</u>	
25 lbs.	9.15



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ORDER SOME OF THE ABOVE SEED, PLEASE USE THE ORDER BLANK BELOW AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO AUDUBON SOCIETY OF THE EVERGLADES TO: ANDREA THOMAS, 306 MACY STREET, WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA 33405. NOTE: ABOVE PRICES INCLUDE APPLICABLE SALES TAX.

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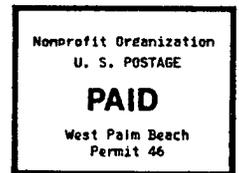
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